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UMBRELLA STAND.

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Fig. 1.

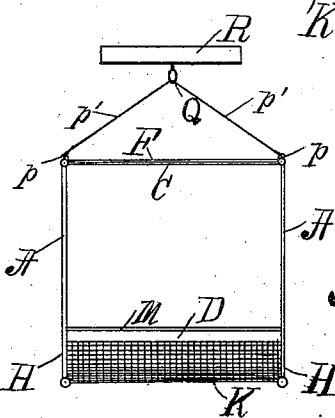
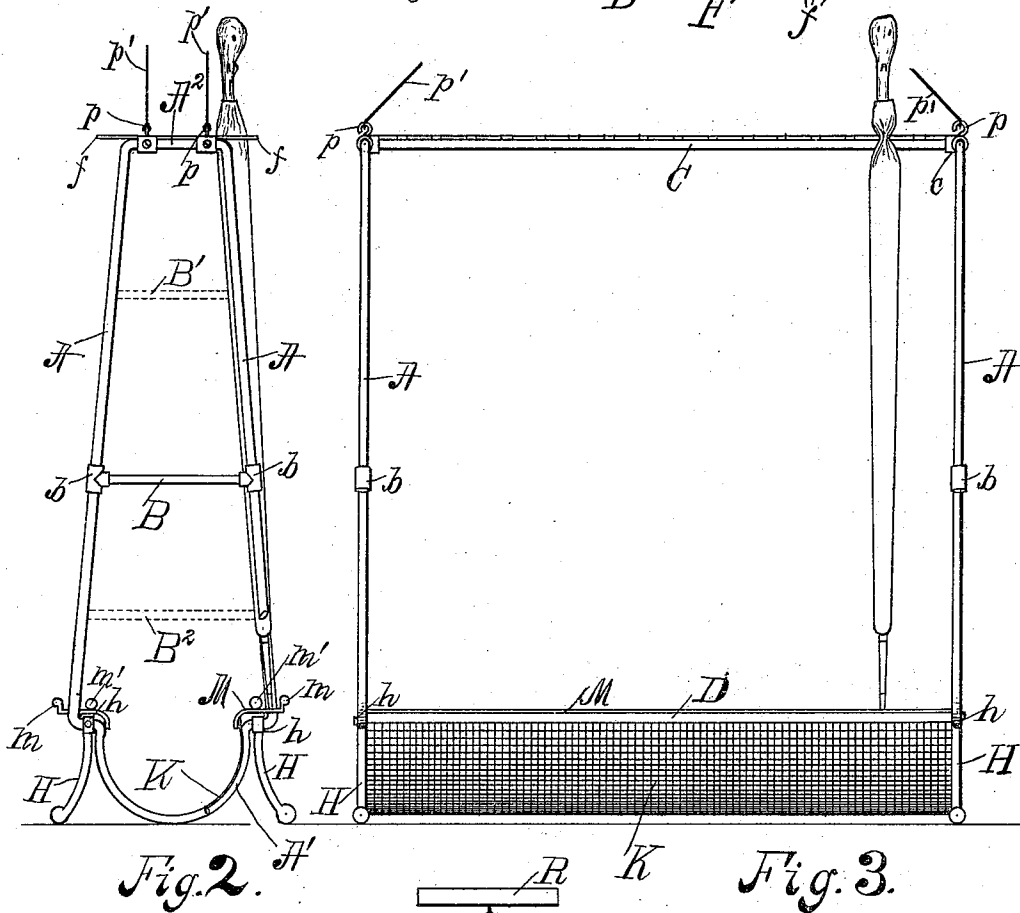
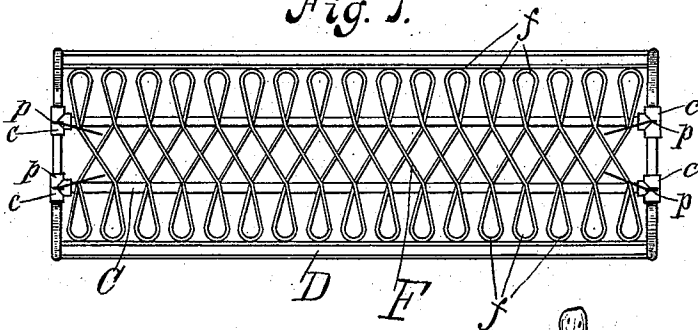


Fig. 4. ^{Inventors} T. C. Perry

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UMBRELLA-STAND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS C. PERRY, a citizen of the United States, residing at McKinney, in the county of Collin and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Umbrella-Stands; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in display-racks for umbrellas, parasols, walking-canes, or the like; and it consists of certain novel features hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is had to the accompanying drawings, in which the same parts are indicated by the same letters throughout the several views.

Figure 1 represents a plan view of the improved display-rack. Fig. 2 represents an end view, partly broken away. Fig. 3 represents a side elevation, the device shown in Figs. 2 and 3 being represented as in use as a stand. In Fig. 4 the device is represented as suspended from a swiveled support, so that either side may be turned to the purchaser.

The stand consists, essentially, of a metal frame preferably made of tubing, the parts of which are secured together by unions in the ordinary way. The ends of the said frame are formed of inclined tubes A, which are connected together at the bottom by the curved piece A' and at the top by the straight piece A² and midway by the cross-piece B, secured to the unions *b* on the tubing A. The ends are connected together by similar tubes C at the top and D at the bottom with suitable unions, such as *c*. The length of these tubes C and D is preferably somewhat less than the shortest parasol or umbrella to be placed in the rack. Across the upper tubes C is placed a length of resilient wire F, which is folded so as to form loops *f*, exterior to the two tubes or rods C, and the said wire is secured at intervals to the said tubes or rods C. These loops *f* receive and hold snugly the umbrellas, parasols, or the like, which are placed between them, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

The tip or lower end of the umbrella or

parasol is supported on a plate M, which has an upwardly-extending lip *m* on the outer edge thereof and a tube *m'* on the inner portion to form a channel between the said rib and the said tube. This channel may be divided by transverse ribs, so that the tips of the umbrellas may be uniformly spaced, if desired. The inner end of this plate M is bent over the curved woven-wire bottom K, which is secured between the end pieces A', as shown in Fig. 2.

The rack is provided with legs H, secured, as at *h*, to the framework by means of screws, whereby the said legs may be detached, when desired. The whole frame is formed of a plurality of parts, which may be readily taken apart or put together, and so the frame may be conveniently shipped from place to place and set up or taken down, as required.

In order that the rack may be used suspended from the ceiling and conveniently turned around for the inspection of the customer, it is provided with one or more hooks *p* at each end of the frame, which are connected by the cords *p'* to a swivel Q, suspended beneath the beam or other support R, as shown in Fig. 4.

Umbrellas, parasols, &c., can not only be placed in the loops *f* and stood up on end, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, but such as are not being displayed can be piled up on the cross-pieces B and also in the wire bottom K, and thus the rack is adapted to stow as well as to display a great number of umbrellas or parasols in such a way that they are very conveniently accessible.

It will be obvious that a plurality of the cross-pieces B may be used, as indicated in dotted lines at B' and B² in Fig. 2, and thus a number of tiers of piles of parasols or umbrellas may be held within the stand, the handles of which are all exposed to the customer. It will thus be seen that a breakdown stand is provided which may be readily taken apart and put together and which is cheap, light, and extremely effective for the purposes stated.

It will be obvious that various modifications might be made which could be used without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. In a display rack for umbrellas, parasols, or the like, the combination with a frame made of a plurality of parts of tubing detachably secured together, of a continuous length of resilient wire, secured across the top of said frame, so as to form a series of loops projecting from each side of said frame, a channeled plate extending along each side of said frame, near the base thereof, and adapted to support the tips of the umbrellas or parasols, a woven wire bottom secured in said frame, and cross-pieces across the ends of said frame, adapted to support the ends of the parasols or umbrellas, not displayed, substantially as and for the purposes described.

2. In a display rack for umbrellas, parasols, or the like, the combination with a frame made of a plurality of parts of tubing detach-

ably secured together, and having the lower portion thereof curved as shown, and the ends provided with cross-pieces, of a continuous length of resilient wire secured across the top of said frame, so as to form a series of loops projecting from each side of said frame, a channeled plate extending along each side of said frame, near the base thereof, and adapted to support the tips of the umbrellas or parasols, a curved, woven wire bottom secured in said frame, legs, detachably connected to said frame, and a swiveled support, whereby said rack may be used either as a stand or suspended, as may be desired, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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